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J. T. A. PROTESTS TO SECRETARY OF STATE ON BARRING OF CORRESPONDENT

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13, (JTA) -- The Jewish Telegraphic Agency formally protested today to Secretary of State Dean Rusk against the exclusion of its Washington correspondent from a State Department briefing on the Arab refugee question and asked that measures be taken to ensure against a recurrence of the discrimination.

The JTA correspondent, Milton Friedman, was denied admission to a press conference on January 28 by Robert C. Strong, director of the State Department's Office of Near Eastern Affairs. Mr. Strong said he took objection to JTA reporting of news involving State Department policies and complained that Israeli diplomats had used JTA news reports as the basis for queries of his department.

The protest, made in the name of the JTA's Board of Directors and signed by Philip Slomovitz, vice-president of the Agency, pointed out that the act of discrimination against JTA by an official of the Department of State "served to deprive large segments of the American Jewish community of information made public by the Department in which they were specially concerned and in which it was in the best interests of American policy that they be fully informed."

The letter also stressed concern that "such acts of discrimination not be repeated and that representatives of this agency should not be barred from access to news being made available to other information media. We are likewise deeply concerned," it added, "over what certainly appears in this case to be an attempt to control the news by denying access to newsmen whose dispatches may not please officials involved."

Arbitrary Denial to U. S. Jews of State Department View Stressed

The JTA protest to the Secretary of State also stressed that "we believe that it is not only a discrimination against the Jewish Telegraphic Agency that is involved here, but also a limitation on the freedom of the press. We consider it a disservice to American interests on the whole, that there be interference with the free and untrammelled flow of information.

"In this case, an element of the American citizenry which has a special interest in the problem considered at the press conference was arbitrarily denied an expression of the State Department's views," the protest continued. "The Jewish Telegraphic Agency directly serves some 70 newspapers in the United States and several thousand Jewish organizations and individuals. In addition, it is a major source of information on developments in this country concerning them to Jewish communities in almost every country of the free world."

The letter noted that the JTA had enjoyed "the consistently friendly and helpful relationship we have had at the State Department over a number of years, particularly with the News Division of the Bureau of Public Affairs, its director, Mr. Lincoln White, and his deputy, Mr. Joseph Reap. We trust that this misunderstanding which we regret to have to call to your attention, will be cleared up," the letter said.

Mr. Slomovitz, publisher and editor of the Detroit Jewish News, is presiding officer of the JTA during the absence in Europe of its president, Eleazar Lipsky.

ISRAEL'S COOPERATION WITH NEW NATIONS REVIEWED; 70 JOINT ENTERPRISES

GENEVA, Feb. 13, (JTA) -- Israel's program of cooperation with new nations so far has created more than 70 joint enterprises in shipping, transport, hotels, tourism, fishing, agriculture, cooperatives, building and engineering, Moshe Bartur, head of Israel's permanent mission to the United Nations in Geneva, reported today.

He reviewed Israel's "Point Four" program in a report to the UN Science and Technology Conference. He cited Israel's pioneering in "joint companies" based on the principle of "minority participation by the Israeli partner." He stressed that "the share belonging to the minority partner is transferred to the major and local partner when the enterprise has become a going concern."

He added that "all of these joint ventures are at the same time serving in the training of technicians in their respective fields, both on the spot as well as in the Israeli partner's

firm actually in Israel." He called this "the most effective method by which the foreign expert is to hand over gradually his job to the local expert and in fact to be eventually represented by the local expert."

He suggested some basic principles developing from Israel's experience in such joint mutual aid programs. One principle, he said, was that such cooperation can be most successful when it extends beyond the "close confines of specialized agencies and their bureaucratic limitations." He explained it must become a popular movement supported by many groups and institutions of the assisted country, including its trade unions, co-operative movements and institute of learning and research.

A second principle, he told the conference, was that the cooperation of the developing countries among themselves was of vital importance. The poorer in material means that a new nation is, the closer the problems of development is to the daily lives of its people. This makes possible a more fruitful and rewarding joint effort.

Finally, he said, technical assistance and cooperation becomes more effective and valuable when the "donor" and the "receiver" share equally the risk and responsibility of the joint venture. They thus become, he concluded, true partners in the joint creation.

ISRAEL SCIENTISTS OFFER PROPOSALS AT U.N. SCIENCE PARLEY IN GENEVA

GENEVA, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- A world farming "intelligence report" to guide emerging nations seeking their road to modernity was advocated here today by Dr. Shmuel Hurwitz, associate professor of agronomy at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. He was one of a number of Israeli speakers and rapporteurs participating in the 103-nation conference on science and technology, organized here by the United Nations to aid underdeveloped areas.

Dr. Hurwitz, speaking in Russian, which he acquired as a youth at the Technical High School of Moscow, advocated the establishment of a commission for international cooperation with the aim of collecting data about farming practices in various parts of the world, preparing a unified plan, formulating methods and appraising results. Particularly needed, he said, were data about crop practices in the developing countries. A high proportion of the representatives here are from Africa, the Middle East, Far East and South-east Asia.

Another Israeli agronomist, Zvi Gatt, discussed methods of preserving foodstuffs for the feeding of populations during times of scarcity. He advocated the use of simple methods for teaching home economics so that people would preserve foods. Dr. Leo Picard, professor of geology at the Hebrew University, discussed as rapporteur of one session the technical nature of research systems that could be applied to ground water studies.

Israeli Medical Expert Reports on New Knowledge About Cancer

Professor Moshe Rachmilewitz, of the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, revealed that new knowledge about cancer and heart disease is being obtained, and will continue coming, from work in under-developed lands. Some of these researches, he said, is as important in the battle against "modern" scourges as were older experiments in the fight against tropical diseases. The research, he stated, offers an opportunity of "mapping geographical pathology" and studies in epidemiology, indicating their pathological life and location.

Israel, said Prof. Rachmilewitz, as a country with various ethnic groups from different backgrounds, has served as "an interesting study" example. Studies have shown the prevalence of certain diseases among some groups, and their rarity among others, thus "contributing to general scientific interest and stimulating basic research."

Dr. J. Cohen, director of curative services in Israel's Ministry of Health, discussed the need for laying the foundations for assessing mental health program requirements, with special reference to the need for vital health statistics. He advocated the need for special legislation to permit and enforce the reporting of such vital factors.

A representative of the Ivory Coast, in Africa, told the conference that his country could not benefit from "highly specialized and financially costly" experiments conducted either by countries of the Eastern bloc or in the advanced Western lands. "We have followed," he said, "the guidance and experience of a country which has proved to us to have shown a correct way. This country is Israel. We intend to follow this way."

SHORTAGE OF RABBIS IN ITALY; ONLY FOUR GRADUATE FROM RABBINICAL COLLEGE

ROME, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Four young rabbis were ordained here yesterday after graduation from the Rabbinical College of Rome. The event was considered significant here in view of the shortage of rabbis in this country.

The graduates passed their examinations last week. The board of examiners consisted of Professor Elio Toaff, chief rabbi of Italy; Professor Elias Arton, of Jerusalem; Dr. Aldo Luzzatto, of Genoa; and Dr. Kurt Arndt, of this city.

EX-NAZI OFFICER ARRESTED IN GERMANY FOR KILLING JEWS IN RUSSIA

KIEL, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The Schleswig-Holstein Justice Ministry announced today the arrest of Hans Graafs of Neumunster, a 55-year-old former SS Lieutenant. He is charged with taking part in mass executions of Jews in Nazi-held Soviet territory in 1941 and 1942.

YEVTUSHENKO ADMITS MAKING CHANGES IN 'BABI YAR' POEM; EXPLAINS ACT

PARIS, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Yevgeny Yevtushenko, the Soviet poet, admitted today that he had made changes in his world-famous poem, Babi Yar, for political reasons because the West had used the poem for a propaganda effort to "pretend" that anti-Semitism was widespread in the Soviet Union.

The poet came to Paris for a press conference held in connection with the publication of the first edition in French of his poems. Babi Yar was the site of the ravine near Kiev where the Nazis slaughtered tens of thousands of Jewish men, women and children during the occupation of Kiev.

The poet denied he had made the changes in his poem--which had been widely interpreted in the west as an attack on continuing anti-Semitism in Russia--to please the Soviet Government. He argued that "times have changed in Russia and no one any longer has the power to oblige an artist to modify his work against his will."

He explained that he rewrote the part in his poem which charges Russia with anti-Semitism "in order not to furnish a bludgeon for our enemies." He said he had originally written the poem to show that "anti-Semitism is one of the seeds of fascism everywhere in the world." Pressed by many of the French journalists about the status of anti-Semitism in Russia, the poet said that anti-Semitism "is no more of a problem in Russia than it is in many other countries. Every nation has its fools."

CATHOLIC CARDINAL IN FRANCE FAVORS CHRISTIAN-JEWISH 'ECUMENICAL SPIRIT'

PARIS, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- A leading prelate of France expressed support last night for promotion of a Catholic-Jewish ecumenical spirit and for the closest relationships between the two faiths.

Cardinal Gerlier of Lyons took that stand in presiding at a meeting of Catholic, Protestant and Jewish clergy in his See which was convened to discuss "whether a Jewish-Christian ecumenical spirit can exist." The two principal Jewish representatives were Chief Rabbi Kling of Lyons and Prof. A. Ashkenazi, director of the French Jewish Seminary.

A Jesuit priest, Father Leon Dufour, cited the writings of Saint Paul "who lived in his own person a Catholic-Jewish ecumenical spirit" to argue that "co-existence is possible and we must look for a common dialogue." Dr. A. Metzger, a Protestant pastor, went farther in declaring that while a Christian-Jewish religious syncretism could not be hoped for, "it is impossible to achieve Christian unity without the participation of the Jewish religion."

Cardinal Gerlier, who has been credited with opposing the Nazi occupation in France and with saving countless Jewish lives during the occupation, declared himself "a supporter" of both Father Dufour and Dr. Metzger. He added that "the importance of this discussion is such that we must hope for a renewal of it."

Rabbi Kling was more guarded in his contribution to the discussion. He paid tribute to the Cardinal's anti-Nazi stand during the occupation and said: "We Jews have carefully followed the proceedings of the Ecumenical Council with passionate interest. We took no part in what was an internal Christian affair but we know it has favored a climate which helps mutual understanding."

ARGENTINE JEWISH LEADERS PERTURBED OVER ACQUITTAL OF ANTI-SEMITES

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Jewish leaders were reported today to be gravely concerned over the action of Judge Eugenio Wade in releasing a number of members of the anti-Semitic Tacuara group who were arrested during training exercises in a camp in Sante Fe province.

It was noted that under the law, he could have acted against the Tacuara members to repress terrorist and anti-democratic activities. The Jewish leaders recalled that another Judge, Arturo Medina, was equally lenient with pro-Nazi youths who attacked a synagogue in Florida, a suburb of Buenos Aires, last year, wounding two Jewish girls in the gun attack. Judge Medina released the attackers on bail of \$70 and \$35.

LAST JEWISH NEWSPAPER IN LADINO CEASES PUBLICATION IN TURKEY

ISTANBUL, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- The only Jewish newspaper published in the Ladino language, the Judeo-Spanish dialect spoken by Sephardi Jews in the Mediterranean area, has ceased publication here after it was first established 70 years ago. The paper, which had a circulation of some 10,000, was said to have closed down due to financial difficulties.

FUND-RAISING GROUPS WARNED THEY MUST HAVE RELIGIOUS LEADERSHIP

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Feb. 13. (JTA) - The Jewish religious community was urged to demand that the leadership of Jewish secular and philanthropic organizations be spiritually committed to Judaism if they are to continue to receive the support of rabbis and their congregations.

Addressing the biennial convention of the Southwest Council of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations here, Rabbi Nathan A. Perilman of Temple Emanu-El in New York City, told the lay and rabbinic leaders of the 66 Reform member congregations of the Council that "too long have the temples, the rabbis, and our national institutions been content with being spear-carriers and chorus and ticket sellers in the grand opera of Jewish community organization."

Rabbi Perilman said: "The least that we have a right to insist upon is that Jewish leaders watch their posture, that they be indeed Jewish as well as leaders; that they find their continuing inspiration in Jewish idealism, and that they not only know where synagogues and temples are located, but that they frequently be found in them for the same purpose of prayer, study, and fellowship, as that of their followers and sustainers." He called upon the congregational and rabbinic institutions of Reform Judaism in America, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and the Central Conference of American Rabbis, to issue a proclamation.

"The Jewish religious community--Orthodox, Conservative, and Reform--separately or in concert, should inform the policy-makers and professionals of all agencies that they will no longer honor or follow a leadership whose religious commitment is so tenuous as to be indiscernible, or whose attitude toward religion is mere formality or lukewarm, when it is not hostile or contemptuous," Rabbi Perilman said.

"We have a broad tolerance for difference in the patterns and points of emphasis in Jewish life. We need and mutually profit from all of the agencies that make up the multifaceted structure of the Jewish community. We need the philanthropically minded, the defense-motivated, and the Israel-directed, among us. But let us insist that they also need us, not in subsidiary or supporting roles, but as central to Jewish life," he demanded.

U. S. GOVERNMENT GRANTS \$60,000 FOR HEBREW COURSES FOR TEACHERS

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Yeshiva University will conduct a Hebrew Language Institute for public and private school teachers of Hebrew this summer under the National Defense Education Act, it was announced today by Dr. Samuel Belkin, president.

Forty teachers from all over the United States will attend the tuition-free Yeshiva University Institute from July 1 through August 17, which is made possible by a \$60,000 grant from the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Prof. David Mirsky, associate professor in Hebrew and English literature, will direct the Institute.

The six-week program is designed to place particular stress on the newly emerging forms and patterns of spoken Hebrew. New methods of teaching Hebrew, developed in Israel in the effort to give large numbers of Israeli immigrants a quick mastery of the language, will be studied in the program.

The teachers selected to study at Yeshiva University will receive free tuition, maintenance and transportation. Each participant must be preparing to teach or already teaching Hebrew in a secondary school. Under terms of the grant, public school participants will receive \$75 per week plus \$15 per week per dependant for the duration of the Institute. Private school teachers will participate on a tuition-free basis but will not receive a subsistence allowance.

TRYGVE LIE TO BE GUEST OF HONOR AT NATIONAL ISRAEL BOND CONFERENCE

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Trygve Lie, who served as Secretary-General of the United Nations when its General Assembly voted for the establishment of Israel, will be the guest of honor at the nationwide celebration of Israel's 15th anniversary, which will be held in Miami under the auspices of the Israel Bond Organization, it was announced today by Samuel Lieberman, national campaign chairman.

The celebration will be held on Saturday evening, March 2 at the Fontainebleau Hotel in Miami Beach as the high point of the three-day Inaugural Conference for Israel Bonds at which this year's program to sell \$75,000,000 in Israel bonds will be launched.

A total of \$270,000 in Israel bonds has been purchased at a dinner in Miami Beach this week addressed by Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin. The dinner was sponsored by Morris W. Berinstein, former national chairman of the United Jewish Appeal.

PROF. MAZAR, FORMER PRESIDENT OF HEBREW UNIVERSITY, HONORED

NEW YORK, Feb. 13. (JTA) -- Professor Benjamin Mazar, president and rector of the Hebrew University in Jerusalem from 1952 through 1961, received the honorary degree of Doctor of Hebrew Letters from The Jewish Theological Seminary of America at a special meeting of the faculties of the institution held last night.